

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**7:00 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2009**  
**Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR**

*“Mission Statement: To give the citizens of Newberg a forum to voice traffic safety concerns, evaluate related issues, provide a liaison with the City and promote traffic safety within the community.”*

**Members**

<b>Present:</b>	Chair Michael Simpson	Jennifer Dawson (Vice Chair)	Doris Brandt
	Andrew Cookson	Bryce Jones	Dick Meyer
	Ronald Sult	Lesley Woodruff	

**Members**

**Absent:** Neal Klein (excused)

**Ex Officio**

**Present:** Mayor Bob Andrews

**Staff**

<b>Present:</b>	Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer	Mary Newell, Support Services Manager
	Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant	Jennifer Nelson, Recording Secretary

**Others**

**Present:** Rick Olson

**CHAIR MICHAEL SIMPSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM.**

- A) Review and approve minutes of March 9, 2009

**MOTION: Sult/Jones** to approve the Traffic Safety Commission Minutes for March 9, 2009 as amended. (8 Yes/0 No/1 Absent [Klein]) Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A) **TSC-08-019: To consider no overnight parking for vehicles over 10,000 pounds from 8 PM to 6 AM for the industrial neighborhood at 9<sup>th</sup> – Industrial – Commerce.**

TIME – 7:05 PM

Mr. Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer presented the staff report indicating he spoke to the City Attorney about the ability to restrict specific vehicles from parking in a given area. Language was suggested to include “trailers with loaded weight in excess of 10,000 lbs.” in order to remain consistent with similar signage used; a specific time of night can also be applied.

Mr. Rick Olson, Rick’s Automotive, thanked the Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) for considering this request in order to resolve the issues with trucks parking on the dead end street and causing damage to the curb. He mentioned business and property owners on Industrial Parkway have

indicated they do not want any signage at all and Commerce Parkway is privately owned, so the parking limit should be directed towards 9<sup>th</sup> Street only. He was attending this evening to see what was determined regarding this issue.

Mr. Chiu reminded the TSC that written testimony from Mr. Ed Bartholemy had been submitted earlier in the process indicating his concern for parking on Industrial Parkway and encouraged the commission to consider this in their deliberations.

Discussions followed concerning parliamentary procedure and motions made at the previous meeting to table the request and set a new hearing date at this meeting. It was determined all testimonies had been received by affected property owners and the tabling was only to clarify the legal right to restrict parking by specific vehicles. Since the original decision was vacated and tabling occurred only to ensure correct language; a limited decision would be made this evening and would go into effect, only if it is not appealed, after 14 days. If an appeal occurs, a new hearing date will be set.

**MOTION: Brandt/Dawson** to approve **TSC-08-019** creating a parking restriction for vehicles with trailers with a loaded weight in excess of 10,000 lbs. between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM to be posted on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Industrial Parkway and Commerce Parkway as a limited decision. (8 Yes/0 No/1 Absent [Klein]) Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A) TSC-09-002: Mission Drive Yellow Curb Request to Restrict Parking**

TIME – 7:22 PM

Mr. Chiu presented the staff report indicating letters were from the Veritas School and the owners of facility used by First Presbyterian Church requesting yellow curbs for 30 ft. on both sides of the driveway for adequate vision and safety for school traffic and children walking in the area.

Chair Simpson asked whose parking will be affected if yellow curbs go 30 ft in both directions. Staff replied it would only affect the frontage along the northern side of Mission Drive, not the single-family homes on the south side.

Mayor Andrews asked what the definition of a car length was. Staff replied a car length is defined by a 30 ft parking space.

**MOTION: Sult/Jones** to approve **TSC-09-002** requesting 30 feet of yellow curb painting in both directions from the driveway located on the north side of Mission Drive at the Veritas School. (8 Yes/0 No/1 Absent [Klein]) Motion carried.

### **B) TSC-09-003: Oaks at Springbrook Yellow Curb Request to Restrict Parking**

TIME – 7:36 PM

Mr. Chiu presented the staff report for a request for yellow curb at the Oaks at Springbrook. The request was to have the curbs painted on both sides of the two minor road entrances that intersect Hayes Street, at the north to Oak Grove Street and at the south to Burl Street, to discourage parking at the narrow entrances. He pointed out in detail all the areas asked to be yellow-curbed and discussed the problems with the Homeowners' Association (HOA) trying to regulate garages being used for

purposes other than parking cars, which is creating congestion along the corridors (see official meeting packet for full report).

Chair Simpson asked about the request for a 40-foot extension of yellow paint on Burl Street and if it is needed. Staff spoke of this being an area for compromise to consider only one side of the street, rather than both.

Commissioner Bryce Jones asked if a large fire truck would be able to negotiate through that street if there were cars parked on both sides. Staff said this would not be feasible and cars parked there would be an obstacle.

Discussions followed as staff drew pictures of the area on the white board, noting areas requested for yellow curb and alternative proposals by staff to have yellow curb at the two corners of Hayes Street and on the north side of Burl Street. There was some mention of the Oregon law stating cars must park 20-feet back from a stop sign and if yellow curbs would be necessary in those areas covered by the law; there were some uncertainties about the measurements of some existing yellow curbs that staff wished to check into.

Commissioner Jennifer Dawson spoke of her experience living in the community previously and her efforts to resolve the parking issues there and she agreed with extending the paint in the upper section around the curve. She felt the biggest need was for the HOA to get people to clean out their garages and start parking their cars in them. She also noted there might be a problem if the yellow curb is extended on the southwest side of the intersection because of the homeowners' there losing parking spots in front of their houses.

Chair Simpson mentioned the City Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Cody Gardner, spent a lot of time with Mr. Johnson from the Oaks at Springbrook HOA and he did not wish to undercut what they worked so hard on. Staff agreed they would like to have all of their requests granted, but he was hesitant because parking is already at a premium in this neighborhood and this would eliminate a lot more. Staff felt a compromise was a better solution to address the safety issues without taking away too much highly desired parking spaces.

Discussions continued about parking between fire hydrants and stop signs and a driveway off Hayes Street. Commissioners discussed how this problem came to be if planning required specific parking requirements, the issues come when the original homebuyers rent the units to multiple residents with several cars.

**MOTION: Dawson/Brandt** to approve **TSC-09-003** requesting yellow curb painting to be installed on the east side of Oak Grove Street from the "curb return" at Hayes Street to the corner of the first westerly driveway; and on the west side within the legal 20-foot distance from the stop sign or "curb return"; and to extend from the existing yellow paint on the east side of Burl Street from Hayes Street to the "curb return" at Bur Oak Court. (8 Yes/0 No/1 Absent [Klein]) Motion carried.

## **STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **A) Police**

TIME – 8:00 PM

Mr. Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant, reported the City is working with only one motorcycle because the other officer is in field training. Being one quarter of the way into the year, we are ahead of the DUII arrests from last year by 10 to 15%. In the first three months, there have been 1,800 traffic stops and one thousand calls for service per month. He spoke of the parade to honor the George Fox University Women's' Basketball Bruins and National Telecommunicators Week to honor dispatch workers.

**B) Engineering**

TIME – 8:13 PM

Mr. Chiu updated on the parking situation for a handicap passenger bus at E. Hancock Street and discussions with the property owner of the vacant property adjacent to the Mid-Valley Rehabilitation; the parties have been connected to come to some agreement regarding parking. The four-way stop at River Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street are in place and working well and the 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Meridian crosswalk has been installed close to the school district. He discussed items included in the federal stimulus program.

**C) Items from Commissioners**

TIME – 8:18 PM

Commissioner Ron Sult spoke of issues at Mable Rush Elementary and parents parking at bus access driveways. He handed out a letter for the commission to review and staff to follow up with (see official meeting packet for full report).

Chair Simpson discussed the team-building meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and asked commissioners to place orders for lunch.

Sergeant Weaver spoke of a booklet for the impaired driving conference and offered it for review by any commissioner that wished to see it.

Mayor Andrews discussed unofficial discussions with SP Newsprint for possibly using land to create a truck park. He also asked staff about improvements to Villa Road near GFU and if planter strips will be used to address fire hydrants and utility poles located there when sidewalks are installed in the future. Staff stated this would be the intended solution.

Commissioner Dawson gave updates on Kids' Safety Town and her completion of the CERT training.

Chair Simpson spoke of sending a letter to the editor for the TSC to endorse Safety Town.

Commissioner Lesley Woodruff asked if the City had a bicycle transportation plan, staff replied there was one completed a couple of years ago for critical bike routes.

**ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING**

<p><b>MOTION:</b> Sult/Brandt to adjourn at 8:42 PM until the next meeting on May 11, 2009. (8 Yes/0 No/1 Absent [Klein]) Motion carried.</p>
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**Jennifer L. Nelson**  
Recording Secretary



**Michael R. Simpson**  
Traffic Safety Commission Chair